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# 怪盗の暫平 I



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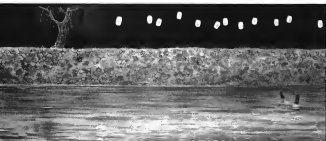
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# Only Three Inches of the Sword Blade





THE CITY OF EDO (NOW TOKYO), FAST ASLEEP UNDER A WINTER SKY  
FULL OF SHIMMERING STARS







!!



HUSH!  
HUSH!

TOO MUCH NOISE  
FOR A PETTY  
JOB LIKE THIS,  
YOU PUNK!

WHAT?

WHO THE  
HELL ARE  
YOU?











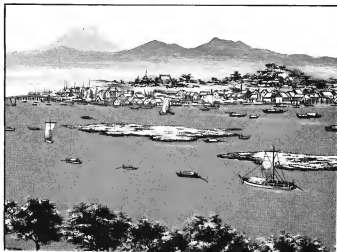


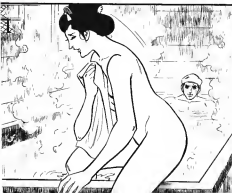


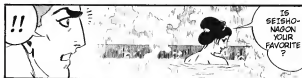


















YOU MUST BE DEAF  
IF YOU HAVEN'T  
HEARD THE NAME.  
THE WINNER OF LAST  
MONTH'S SWORDSIGHT  
TOURNAMENT  
SPONSORED BY THE  
LORD, THE DAIMYO  
CHIEF OF THE FIEFDOM.

DID YOU  
EVER HEAR  
OF CHOOBBI  
KAJIMA?

I MEAN,  
DON'T YOU  
KNOW,  
AAANG...



YES, THAT'S  
THE VERY  
SWORD I  
WANT YOU TO  
STEAL.

IN  
APPRECIATION  
OF KAJIMA'S  
PERFORMANCE,  
THE SHOGUN  
PERSONALLY  
AWARD HIM  
A TREASURE  
SWORD RIGHT?

WHAT AN  
OUT-  
RAGEOUS  
REQUEST!









I BELIEVE YOU  
YOU'VE GOT  
CLASS. IT'S  
OBVIOUS...

TO TELL THE  
TRUTH, MY FATHER  
WAS A MINISTER  
OF A CERTAIN  
FIEFDOM ASSIGNED  
TO THE FIEFDOM'S  
EDO OFFICE.

... THAT YOU  
HAVE NEVER  
STEPPED INTO  
A VULGAR  
SPOT LIKE  
PUBLIC BATH.



I GOT  
MARRIED,  
BUT MY  
HUSBAND  
WAS  
DECEASED.  
AH-  
HAAAN...

YOU HAVE  
TASTED  
THIS STICK  
SOMEWHERE  
BEFORE.

HOW-  
EVER,  
...



THE SHOBU-  
NATE ORDERS WELL-  
OFF FIEFDOMS TO  
SPONSOR SIZABLE  
CONSTRUCTION  
PROJECTS FROM  
TIME TO TIME.

ARE YOU  
AWARE OF  
THE ROLE  
THE FIEFDOM  
MINISTER IS  
SUPPOSED TO  
PLAY?

WELL.....

THEY CALL  
IT "OFFICIAL  
ASSISTANCE".



THE SHOGUNATE  
THUS SIPHONS  
REVENUES OFF  
THE FIEFDOM  
COFFERS.

THE MINISTER IN  
CHARGE...EER...  
HA-HAS TO  
FINANCE PROJECTS  
THROUGH FIEFDOM  
COFFERS,

SHOGUNATE'S  
ORDER IS  
A CURSE  
TO FIEFDOM  
LORDS.

THE CURSE BEFELL  
ON OUR FIEFDOM IN  
THE FORM OF DIKE  
CONSTRUCTION ALONG  
THE RIVER RYUJIN  
WITH MY FATHER  
IN CHARGE OF THE  
PROJECT.

AND THE  
CURSE DIDN'T  
SIMPLY GO  
AWAY IN HIS  
CASE, RIGHT?

THE FIEFDOM IS  
ON THE VERGE OF  
FINANCIAL COLLAPSE,  
AND MY FATHER  
IS UNDER HOUSE  
ARREST FACING A  
HARAKIRI SENTENCE.



THE FIEFDOM'S  
ECONOMY IS  
NOW ON THE  
VERGE OF  
COLLAPSE.



I PITY  
YOUR OLD  
MAN, NEI.

A QUARTER  
OF A MILLION  
RYO OF  
GOLD FLEW  
OUT OF THE  
COFFERS.

THE  
FIEFDOM  
ITSELF  
SHOULD  
ALSO BE  
PITIED.



BUT, WHAT  
HAS THAT  
GOT TO  
DO WITH  
CHOUBEI'S  
SWORD.



AH... OOPH...  
AAH. IT HAS  
NEVER BEEN  
THIS GOOD.



THAT'S A  
CLEVER  
IDEA.

THE CLUE  
LEADING  
TOWARDS THE  
TREASURE HAS  
BEEN CODED INTO  
THE TIP PORTION  
OF A TREASURE  
SWORD.

...THE FOUNDERS  
OF THE FIEFDOM  
BURIED MORE  
THAN A QUATER  
OF A MILLION RYO  
SOMEWHERE.

THERE IS ONLY  
ONE WAY TO  
SAVE THE  
FIEFDOM, SOME  
200 YEARS  
AGO...



THE HIDDEN  
TREASURE  
NEEDS TO BE  
EXCAVATED  
RIGHT AWAY.

THE SWORD THE  
SHOGUNATE  
DONNED CHOUBEI  
WITH IS THAT VERY  
SWORD, I GATHER.

THAT MEANS,  
WITHOUT THE  
CHOUBEI'S  
SWORD, NO  
EXCAVATION.

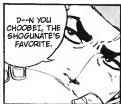


AHAAA...I.I  
COME.BL...IG!



SWEAR  
ZAMPEI,  
THAT YOU  
WILL DO IT!

THAT'S  
RIGHT.



D--N YOU  
CHOUBEI, THE  
SHOGUNATE'S  
FAVORITE.

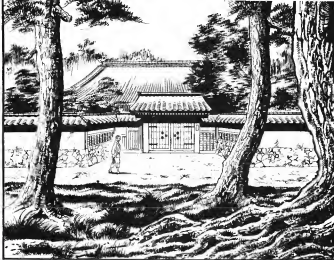


AATZ.....  
TOOOO  
MUCH!













AND THEN,  
ESCAPE  
WITH IT TO  
SAFETY.

THE PROBLEM  
IS HOW TO  
LOCATE THE  
SWORD.

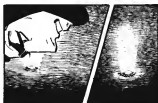
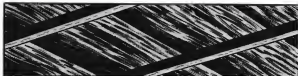
IT WAS  
EASY TO  
SNEAK  
INTO THE  
COMPOUND.











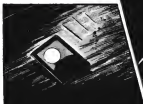


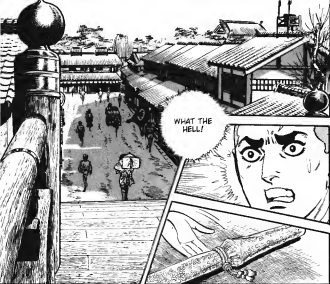












WHAT THE HELL!



SO CHOUBEI HAS TRICKED EVERYBODY AROUND HIM. HE IS NOT ONLY A MASTER SWORDSMAN BUT ALSO A STRATEGIST.



GENUINENESS IS ALMOST NON EXISTANT IN THIS SWORD, SAYS MY FATHER.

UNFORTUNATELY, THIS SWORD IS A COUNTERFEIT.



























YOU ARE  
AS SHARP  
AS A TACK.



CHUBET  
KAJIMA, SIRE,  
THE CHIEF  
SWORDSMEN  
TRAINER  
OF THE  
SHOGUNA-  
TE...



AND I'LL  
GET THE  
REAL ONE,  
TOO.

YOU MUST  
BE THE THIEF  
WHO GOT  
AWAY WITH  
THE BOGUS  
SWORD!



EXCELLENT  
MASK  
WORK!



I DOUBT  
THAT YOU  
CAN SURVIVE  
TO DO THAT.



NONSENSE  
!











-END-



# Virginity of Princess

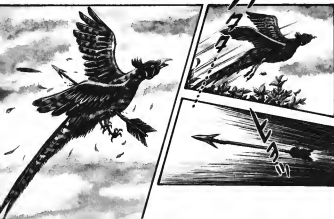
Aya





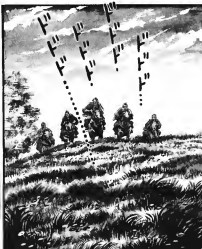






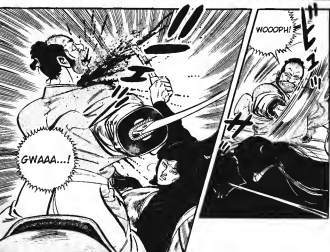


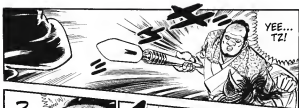










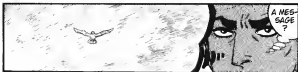


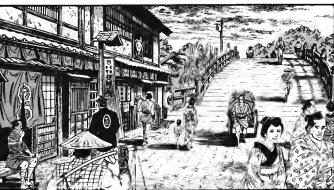


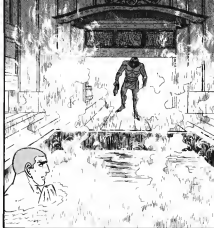








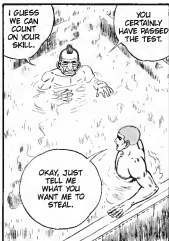
















OKAY, I  
ACCEPT.

AN  
OUTRAGEOUS  
OFFER! MIGHTY  
INTRIGUING,  
THOUGH.





...THE OLD MAN  
IS A BIG SHOT  
OF THE FAMOUS  
KURODATE  
FIEFDOM...

I SEE...



WHY DOES  
HE WANT TO  
HUMILIATE  
HIS  
BOSSMAN'S  
DAUGH-  
TER?



THE SIGN  
SAYS  
THAT, THE  
COMPOUND  
BELONGS TO  
THE KURODATE  
FIEFDOM.

黒館藩上屋敷







DO YOU WANT  
ME TO STICK  
MY FINGER  
INTO YOUR  
P---Y RIGHT  
NOW FOR  
VERIFICATION  
YOU B--CH?



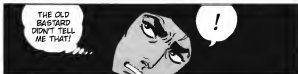
DID YOU  
VERIFY  
THE PAST  
RECORD OF  
THIS NINJA'S  
ACHIEVE-  
MENTS?



...IS GUARDED  
BY A COUPLE  
OF WOMAN  
NINJAS?

DID YOU  
CAUTION  
HIM THAT  
PRINCESS  
AYA...

PEOPLE OF EDO  
MARVEL HIS  
PERFORMANCE.  
THAT'S THE  
VERIFICATION,  
YOUR  
HIGHNESS.



THE OLD  
BASTARD  
DIDN'T TELL  
ME THAT!



...



...I DID  
NOT THINK  
THAT WAS  
NECESS-  
SARY.

ZAMPEI  
HIMSELF BEING  
A NINJA PER  
EXCELLENCE...







HORSE-  
RIDING  
TOURS  
TO THE  
COUNTRY  
SIDE.

AN  
OPPORTUNITY  
MAY ARISE  
DURING  
ONE OF  
HER.



CAN YOU  
HIRE THE  
KILLERS?

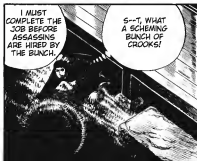


ASSASSINATION  
SHOULD BE ON  
LINE.

THAT'S THE  
BASIS OF OUR  
STRATEGY



IT'S EASY TO  
PICK A FEW  
FROM AMONG  
UNEMPLOYED  
SAMURAIS  
LOAFING  
AROUND IN THE  
CITY.



I MUST  
COMPLETE THE  
JOB BEFORE  
ASSASSINS  
ARE HIRED BY  
THE BUNCH.

S--T, WHAT  
A SCHEMING  
BUNCH OF  
CROOKS!



I CANNOT  
WAIT TO  
SEE THAT  
HAPPEN!

AYA IS  
DOOMED IN  
ONE WAY  
OR THE  
OTHER.







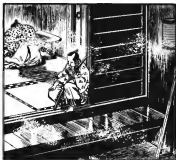




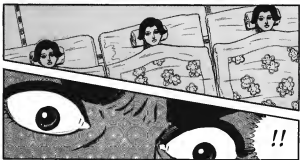






















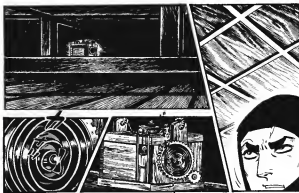






























DID HE  
ESCAPE?

HOW  
COME?



WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON  
HERE?



WHAT  
IN THE  
WORLD  
IS GOING  
ON?























I DO NOT  
HATE  
YOU...



YOU ARE  
FREE TO  
HATE MY  
GUT'S.



TAKE MY  
WORD  
FOR IT.



YES?

ZAM...  
PE...!!



NO, THEY  
ARE JUST  
STUPID.

NOT  
EVEN THE  
SINISTER  
MOTHER-  
IN-LAW OR  
PRINCESS  
YURI?



I'VE OFTEN  
DREAMED  
OF DOING  
SOMETHING  
LIKE THIS IN  
BED.



AAAA!  
ZAMPE!

AM RIGHT  
HERE  
WITH YOU.



THAT KIND  
OF THOUGHT  
USED TO  
MAKE ME  
FEEL HOT  
DOWN  
BELOW.













...OR WAS IT  
JUST ANOTHER  
SEXY DREAM...

...FLOATING ON  
A GLITTERING  
CLOUD?



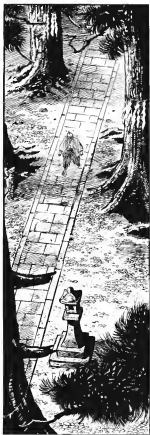
NO  
FURTHER  
WISHES.

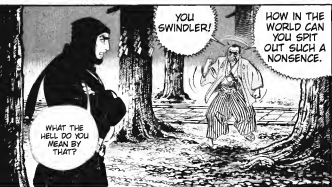


I JUST  
WANTED  
TO KNOW  
WHERE  
ZAMPEI HAS  
GONE.



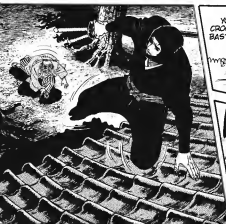










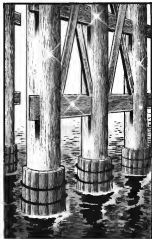




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**Down with  
the Rainbow Bridge**



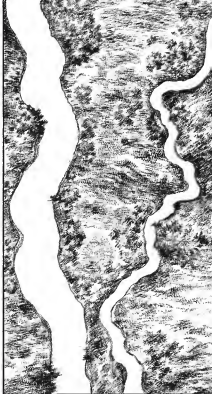












I'M  
SHIVERING.



JUST  
THINK YOU  
AND ME  
ALONE...

BOOOFF  
!

WHERE  
ARE THE  
PLUM  
BLOSSOMS  
IN FULL  
BLOOM?

GOD  
DAMN  
IT!

STRANGE!  
THEY  
SHOULD BE  
AT THEIR  
BEST BY  
NOW!

IT'S  
JUST  
SNEEZ-  
ING  
COLD.

BEAT IT,  
OKUNI!

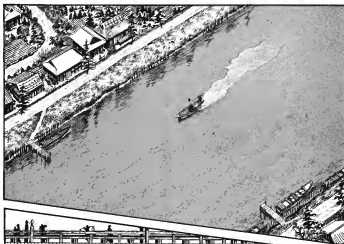
WE HAVE  
NOT DONE  
THIS FOR  
A LONG  
TIME.

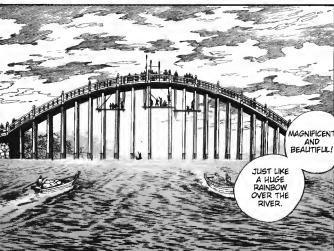
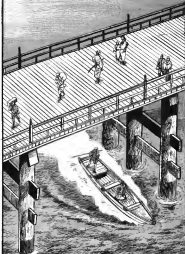
...STROLLING  
ALONG LIKE  
THIS.

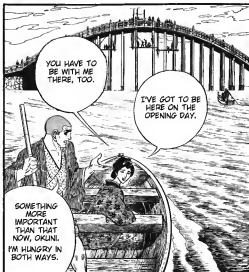
SO,  
WHAT?











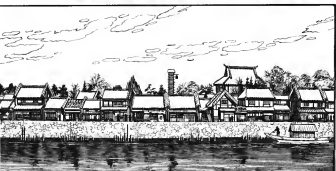
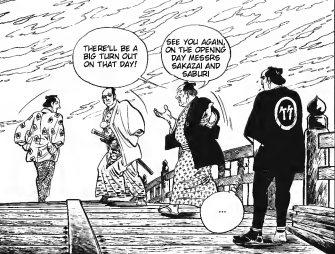


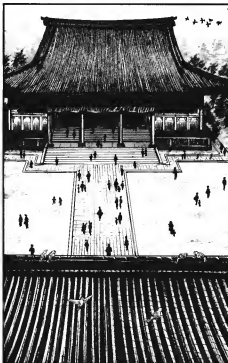
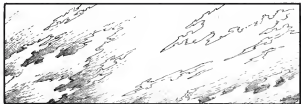






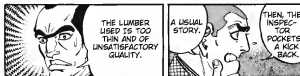




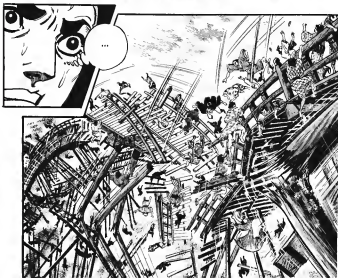


























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"SAKAZAKI"









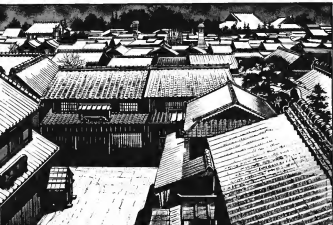








I NEED TO  
WATCH OUT  
FOR THAT  
MAN CALLED  
ONIHACHI.





MAYBE,  
HE GOT  
KILLED  
BECAUSE  
OF THE  
CURSE.

DO YOU  
REMEMBER  
HIM MUMBLING  
THAT THIS  
BRIDGE IS  
CURSED?

WHAT  
CURSE?

YAH, SURE.  
MURDERED  
WITH JUST A  
SINGLE LETHAL  
STAB FROM  
BEHIND.

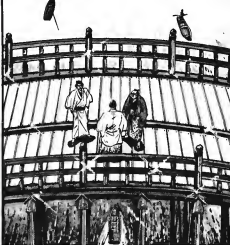
DID YOU HEAR  
OF WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TO THE HEAD  
CARPENTER  
EIGORO?















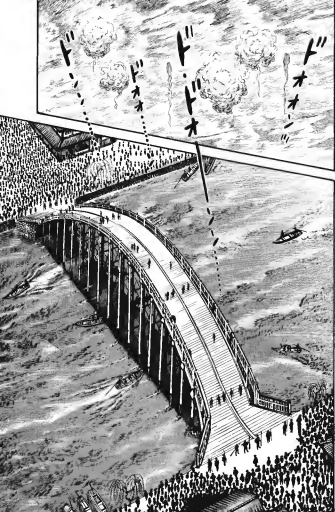




















DID YOU  
FIND  
ANY-  
THING?

NO  
EXPLOSIVES  
ANYWHERE!



BLOW THE  
BRIDGE  
UP?  
WHY?



SHUT  
UP! YOU  
LOOK FOR  
EXPLO-  
SIVES!





LET US  
WALK  
ACROSS  
THE  
BRIDGE!

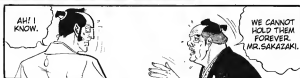
WE  
CANNOT  
WAIT ANY  
LONGER!



THERE IS  
SOMETHING  
FUNNY  
GOING ON.

WE'VE BEEN  
WAITING  
TOO LONG!

DON'T  
YOU  
PUSH  
TOO  
HARD.



AH! I  
KNOW.

WE CANNOT  
HOLD THEM  
FOREVER.  
MR. SAKAZAKI.

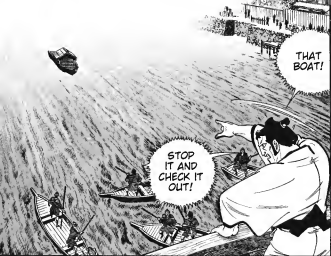


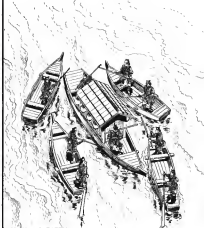
YOU  
SPOTTED  
SOME-  
THING?

HEY,  
ONIHACHI!

















THE BRIDGE  
WILL  
COLLAPSE...

...IF WE  
START  
WALKING  
ON IT?

...SUCH A  
USELESS  
BRIDGE?

WHY DID  
YOU HAVE  
TO BUILD...



YOU CANNOT  
SWEAR MY  
NAME LIKE  
THAT!



YOU, THE  
CONTRACTOR  
AND THE  
INSPECTOR  
CONSPIRED,  
THREE OF  
YOU...

SHUT  
UP!



THEY CANNOT  
STAND EVEN  
A MODERATE  
FLOOD!

PIERS ARE  
TOO THIN!

YUGAKU  
SABURI  
DIDN'T DO  
THE DESIGN  
RIGHT!



IS THIS  
WHAT GOES  
ON...

QUITE A  
STORY!

...BEHIND  
THE  
SCENES?



FOR  
GRAFTING  
PURPOSES.

CONSPIRED  
TO USE  
LOW  
QUALITY  
LUMBER...



ALL  
LIES!

STOP  
THE NON-  
SENSE!

SHUT  
UP!



...AND  
THEN YOU  
TOME JOO...

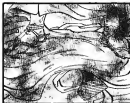
I WAS ABOUT TO  
SUE THE TWO  
CONSPIRATORS,



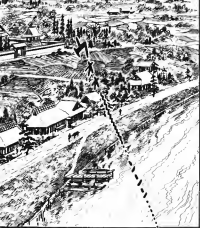
...HIRED  
ONIHACHI TO  
ASSASSI-  
NATE ME  
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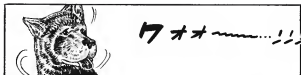


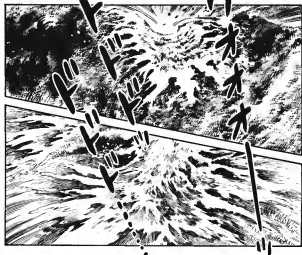




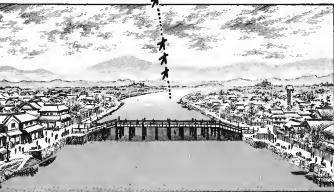














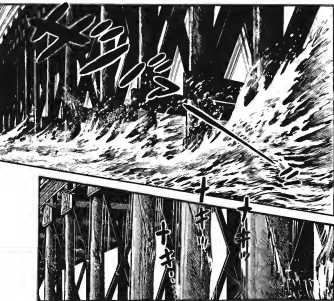




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